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Jordan: King Husayn has decided not to exercise his option to purchase a second squadron of F-104 supersonic fighters from the US [redacted]

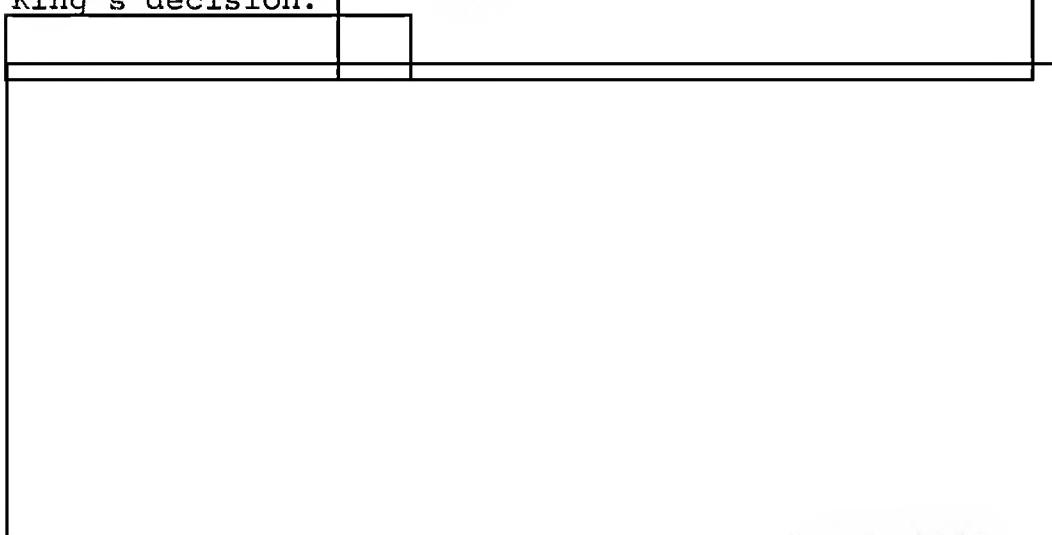
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[redacted] Husayn reportedly intends to switch to newer aircraft that will be available in 1972 or 1973, when the additional F-104s were to be delivered. These newer aircraft, the Anglo-French Jaguar and an advanced version of the US F-5, have capabilities comparable to those of the obsolescent F-104, but are easier to maintain and to fly. The lack of adequately trained personnel in the Jordanian Air Force probably entered into the King's decision. [redacted]

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